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Dear Jeff

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New Zealand Patent Application No. 23008
Your Ref: 1319 Our File: 30589

NOTED

Thank you for your letter of 13 November 1991. A response has now been filed and a copy is enclosed.

Our associates report that they have generally followed our suggestions except that they have preferred to make claim 16 dependent on claims 4 to 8 and claim 17 to depend on claim 9. These are very minor changes but they and the other amendments can be seen in manuscript on the amended pages included with the response. New pages, in which the amendments are incorporated in fair copy, are also included in the response.

Our associates advise that division in this case is inevitable and a further report will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely

J. H. Bass

cc: Beverly A. Monroe

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